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MAKING AND USING
TRANSGENIC DICAMBA-
DEGRADING ORGANISMS"

) Group Art Unit: 1638

) Examiner: D. Kruse

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE
TO FINAL REJECTION

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response is filed in response to the final Office Action having a mailing date of October 22, 2001 and in connection with a Request for Continued Examination, enclosed herewith. Also enclosed is a request for a two month extension of time, to extend the time for responding from January 22, 2002 to March 22, 2002. No additional fees are believed to be due in connection with this response, but if fees are due, please debit Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

Please amend and reconsider the above-identified patent application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1-5, 7, 21, 24, 36, 38, 39, 44, 47, and 48 as follows, without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. Claims 6, 22, 23, and 37 are reiterated below without amendment.

1. (Twice Amended) An isolated DNA molecule comprising a DNA sequence encoding a dicamba-degrading oxygenase from a dicamba-degrading bacterium.

2. (Twice Amended) An isolated DNA molecule comprising a DNA sequence encoding a dicamba-degrading oxygenase, wherein said dicamba-degrading oxygenase is selected from the group consisting of: